GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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OFFLOADING OF FOODGRAINS .
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to offload foodgrains through aid programmes for developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the countries to which the foodgrains would be exported under the said aid programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In addition to supplies of foodgrains, as necessary, under Ministry of External Affairs` humanitarian assistance to developing countries, it is also proposed to supply foodgrains to selected developing countries on grant/credit terms both as a long term export promotion strategy and to address the prevailing situation of surplus stocks of wheat and rice with the Government.

(c): The following countries have expressed an interest in obtaining foodgrains from India under grant/credit terms:-

Bangladesh - 200,000 MT of wheat
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Republic of Korea - 200,000 MT of white rice
Ethiopia - 10,000 MT of wheat
Eritrea - 2,500 MT of wheat
Ghana - 10,000 MT of wheat/rice
Madagascar - 10,000 MT of wheat
Sana`a - 50,000 MT of wheat
Zambia - 5,000 MT of wheat